

CHAPTER 393c

MAJOR CONTRACTORS

Sec. 20-341gg. Registration of major contractors. Suspension or revocation. Regulations. (a) As used in this section, "major contractor" means (1) any person engaged in the business of construction, structural repair, structural alteration, dismantling or demolition of a structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits provided in section 29-276b or (2) any person who, under the direction of a general contractor, performs or offers to perform any work that impacts upon the structural integrity of a structure or addition, including repair, alteration, dismantling or demolition of a structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits provided in section 29-276b. Such work includes, but is not limited to, roofing, masonry and structural frame work.

(b) No person shall engage in or offer to perform the work of any major contractor in this state on any proposed structure or existing structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits contained in section 29-276b unless such person has first obtained a license or certificate of registration as required under the provisions of chapter 539 or a registration from the Department of Consumer Protection in accordance with the provisions of this section. Individuals licensed under chapter 393 shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter while engaging in work that they are licensed to perform. If the individual or the firm, company, partnership or corporation employing such individual is engaged in work on a structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits contained in section 29-276b and requires licensure under chapter 393, the firm, company, partnership or corporation shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter concerning registration of major contractors, if the firm, company, partnership or corporation employs an individual who is licensed as a contractor under chapter 393 to perform such work. The department shall furnish to each qualified applicant a registration certifying that the holder of such registration is entitled to engage in the work for which the person has been issued a registration under this subsection, and the holder of such registration shall carry it on his person while engaging in such work. Such registration shall be shown to any properly interested person upon request. No such registration shall be transferred to or used by any person other than the person to whom the registration was issued. The department shall maintain rosters of registrants and shall update such rosters annually. The department may provide copies of rosters to the public for an appropriate fee. The department may suspend or revoke any registration issued by the department if the holder of such registration is convicted of a felony, is grossly incompetent, engages in malpractice or unethical conduct or knowingly makes false, misleading or deceptive representations regarding his work or violates any regulation adopted under subsection (c) of this section. Before any registration is suspended or revoked, such holder shall be given notice and an opportunity for hearing as provided in regulations adopted under subsection (c) of this section.

(c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall (1) establish the registration requirements for major contractors, (2) specify application and registration fees, and (3) establish occupational standards for the preservation of the public safety.

Sec. 29-276b. "Threshold limit" defined. Requirements when structure or addition will exceed threshold limit. Standards for facilities which perform testing of construction materials.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term "threshold limit" shall apply to any structure or addition thereto (1) having four stories, (2) sixty feet in height, (3) with a clear span of one hundred fifty feet in width, (4) containing one hundred fifty thousand square feet of total gross floor area, or (5) with an occupancy of one thousand persons.

(b) The following use groups shall have the following additional threshold limits:

Use Group	Threshold Limit
I—Institutional I-1 Residential care I-2 Incapacitated care I-3 Restrained, jails and asylums	150 beds or persons
R—Residential R-1 Residentail—hotel/motel R-2 Residential—multifamily	Single structure with 200 rooms Single structure with 100 dwelling units
S—Storage S-1 Moderate hazard S-2 Low hazard	Parking structures with 1,000 cars 250,000 square feet 250,000 square feet

(c) If a proposed structure or addition will exceed the threshold limit as provided in this section, the building official of the municipality in which the structure or addition will be located shall require that an independent structural engineering consultant review the structural plans and specifications of the structure or addition to be constructed to determine their compliance with the requirements of the State Building Code to the extent necessary to assure the stability and integrity of the primary structural support systems of such structure or addition. Any modifications of approved structural plans or design specifications shall require shop drawings to the extent necessary to determine compliance with the requirements of the State Building Code and shall be reviewed by such consultant. Any fees relative to such review requirements shall be paid by the owner of the proposed building project. The building official may prequalify independent structural engineering consultants to perform the reviews required under this subsection. In the case of such a project, each general contractor and major subcontractor shall keep and maintain a daily construction log in a manner prescribed by the State Building Inspector. The building official shall, upon request, have access at all reasonable times to such log. If a structure or addition exceeds the threshold limit, the architect of record, professional engineer of record responsible for the design of the structure or addition and general contractor involved in such project shall sign a statement of professional opinion affirming that the completed construction is in substantial compliance with the approved plans and design specifications. If fabricated structural load-bearing members and assemblies are used in such construction, the professional engineer licensed in accordance with chapter 391 responsible for the design of such members or assemblies shall sign a statement of professional opinion affirming that the completed fabrication is in substantial compliance with the approved design specifications.

(d) The building official of the municipality in which the structure or addition will be located shall satisfy himself that each architect, professional engineer, general contractor and major subcontractor involved in the project holds a license to engage in the work or occupation for which the appropriate building permit has been issued. If fabricated structural load-bearing members or assemblies will be used in such construction, the building official shall satisfy himself that each professional engineer responsible for the design of such members or assemblies holds a license issued in accordance with the provisions of chapter 391.

(e) Any person, firm or corporation proposing to construct a structure or addition which will exceed the threshold limit as provided in this section shall give written notice to the building official of the municipality in which the structure or addition is to be located of its intent at least ninety days prior to its filing an application for a building permit.

(f) (1) On and after January 1, 1990, any person, firm or corporation which performs testing of construction materials or structures, except any person, firm or corporation licensed under the provisions of chapter 391, may be designated by the building official or engineering consultant to perform such testing only if its facility has received and maintains accreditation by the national voluntary laboratory accreditation program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Each such person, firm or corporation shall have a professional engineer licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 391 certify tests and reports as required.

(2) Not later than July 1, 1991, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 establishing standards for the testing of construction materials and structures by any person, firm or corporation licensed under the provisions of chapter 391, criteria for its facility, including reinspection of such facility, and qualifications for persons performing such testing, which shall conform at a minimum to such standards, criteria and qualifications as required by the national voluntary laboratory accreditation program. On and after July 1, 1991, any person, firm or corporation licensed under the provisions of chapter 391 which performs testing of construction materials or structures may be designated by the building official or engineering consultant to perform such testing only if its facility meets the criteria established in regulations adopted under this subdivision. A professional engineer licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 391 shall certify tests and reports as required.